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For: **BIODEGRADABLE EXCIPIENT SYSTEMS**

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SUBSTANCES AND METHOD FOR

PRODUCING THE SAME

SUBMISSION TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment constitutes the required submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted herewith. A reply to the Final Office mailed on June 15, 2007 is outstanding. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c), this Amendment meets the reply requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.111. A petition for an extension of time and the required fee are submitted herewith to extend the time to reply to the aforementioned Final Office Action to December 15, 2007.

An Amendment to the Specification is found on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.